GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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COTTON CULTIVATION IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the soil testing has proved that certain areas in Orissa particularly the KBK districts are suitable for Cotton cultivation;

(b) if so, whether any effort has been made by the Government during the last three years to promote cotton cultivation in that part of Orissa; and

(c) if so, the assistance extended to the Cotton growers to bring additional areas of land under Cotton cultivation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In order to popularise the cotton cultivation amongst the farmers, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme under Mini-Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton is being implemented in 13 States of the country including Orissa. A total of Rs.64.00 lakh were allocated to the State out of which Rs.45.00 lakh are earmarked exclusively for utilization in the KBK districts during 2002-03.

(c): Under the scheme, assistance is being provided to the state for the transfer of technology through Demonstration on production technology, Integrated Pest Management and Training of farmers/extension workers as well as Supply of inputs to the farmers such as Seeds, Sprayers, Bio-agent, Pheromone traps and Water Saving devices like Sprinkler sets and Drip Irrigation system. The funds allocated to the State as Central share during last three years are as under:

(RS. in LAKH)

YEAR	ALLOCATION
2000 - 01	144.45
2001 - 02	219.49
2002 - 03	64.00